

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-20 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 9, 13 and 20 were amended, and claims 3-4, 7-8, 14-15 and 18-19 were cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-13, 16-17 and 20 are at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-4, 9-15 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Uomori (U.S. Patent No. 5,726,704 A) and Sundahl et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,094,215 A). Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 16, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Uomori (U.S. Patent No. 5,726,704 A) and Pritchard et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,157,484 A). Claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 18, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Uomori (U.S. Patent No. 5,726,704 A) and Lia (U.S. Patent No. 5,222,477 A). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a stereoscopic-image generating method, comprising determining a position of an object in a first image, determining a position of the object in a second image, and moving one of the first image or the second image so that the object in the first image coincides with the object in the second image. The first and second images are picked up using a transparent parallel plate having a cut out formed in the plate. The plate is mounted to a pickup apparatus and the plate rotates so that the first image is picked up with the cut out in front of the pickup apparatus and the second image is picked up with the plate in front of the pickup apparatus. No new matter has been added by the amendment to claim 1 as this embodiment is disclosed in the specification at page 23, lines 6-19 and Figs. 21A-C.


None of the cited references discloses or suggests that the first and second images are picked up using a transparent parallel plate having a cut out formed in the plate, where the plate is mounted to a pickup apparatus and the plate rotates so that the first image is picked up with the cut out in front of the pickup apparatus and the second image is picked up with the plate in front of the pickup apparatus, as required by claim 1. Accordingly, it would not be obvious to combine the cited references to derive claim 1, or claims 2 and 5-6 that depend from claim 1. For reasons similar to those discussed regarding claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-13, 16-17 and 20 are also allowable over the cited references. Claims 3-4, 7-8, 14-15 and 18-19 were cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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